

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-37 and 39-97 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 13-37 and 39-97 were allowed in the December 14 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

By this amendment, claims 45, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 72, 74 and 86-88 are amended to correct informalities and typographical errors. Entry of the proposed amendments and continued allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

I. Formal Matters

Upon reviewing the claims in view of the Notice of Allowance, applicants have identified a number of informalities and typographical errors in the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that these informalities and typographical errors are readily apparent and thus do not raise any issues requiring further search and/or consideration of the allowability of the claims by the Examiner.

In the proposed amendments to the claims:

Claim 45 is amended to provide the proper punctuation in line 3 and to provide terms having proper antecedent basis in lines 17 and 18.

Claims 60, 61, 63, 64 and 66 are amended to change "third" flow passage to --second-- flow passage, as these claims only otherwise define a first flow passage.

Claim 61 is also amended to correct a clear typographical error and informality in the dependence of claim 61, , which improperly depends from claim 50. That is, claim 61 has proper antecedent basis for its elements when it depends from claim 60, rather than from claim 50. As this typographical error and the correction are clear on their face, this amendment to claim 61 should be entered.

Claim 64 is also amended to provide the proper punctuation in line 8.

Claim 67 is amended to provide terms having proper antecedent basis in lines 11 and 12.

Claim 69 is amended to correct a clear typographical error and informality in the dependence of claim 69, which improperly depends from claim 35. Claim 69 sets forth the same additional subject matter as claim 36, which also depends from claim 35. Thus, claim 69, when depending from claim 35, does not set forth subject matter that is distinct from claim 36. Claim 68 sets forth the same additional subject matter as claim 35. Claim 69 is clearly intended to have depended from claim 68, not claim 35. As this typographical error and the correction are clear on their face, this amendment to claim 69 should be entered.

Claim 72 is amended to provide terms having proper antecedent basis in line 3.

Claim 74 is amended to provide the proper punctuation in line 17.

Claim 86 is amended to provide the proper punctuation in line 6.

Claim 87 is amended to provide the proper punctuation in line 6.

Claim 88 is amended to provide the proper punctuation in line 7.

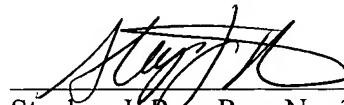
II. Conclusion

For at least the reasons outlined above, applicants respectfully submit the above-outlined amendments to claims 45, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 72, 74 and 86-88 should be entered, and that, in view of these amendments, the application remains in condition for allowance without requiring any further search and/or consideration by the Examiner. Favorable consideration and entry of these amendments and continued allowance of claims 1-11, 13-37 and 39-97 is respectfully solicited.

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Should the examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, she is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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